

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1    1. (Previously Presented) A method of licensing and managing media resources in a  
2    telecommunications system including a converged services platform, said method com-  
3    prising the steps of:  
4        creating a central pool storing resource points representing a license or authoriza-  
5    tion level of media resource service capability; and  
6        dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more media re-  
7    source cards.
- 1    2. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: stor-  
2    ing in said central pool default and/or additional licensed resource points represented by a  
3    converged services platform.
- 1    3. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, wherein said allocating step allo-  
2    cates portions of said central pool to a particular media resource card for a specific media  
3    resource service.
- 1    4. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: pro-  
2    viding redundancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable by allocating  
3    additional portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.
- 1    5. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: des-  
2    ignating a specified number of resource points required to perform each media resource  
3    service available.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 5, further comprising the step of: de-  
2 termining a number of resource points needed to perform an application by multiplying a  
3 number of required media resource services by their corresponding number of required  
4 resource points.

1 7. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 6, further comprising the step of: li-  
2 censing additional resource points to a customer in the event that said resource points  
3 needed to perform an application are greater than said default resource points available.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 7, further comprising the step of: noti-  
2 fying said customer that a license for additional resource points is needed in that event.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 1, wherein said media resource service  
2 is selected from the group consisting of tone generation, tone detection, and re-  
3 cording/playback of voice recorded announcements.

1 10. (Previously Presented) A converged services platform, comprising:  
2 one or more media resource cards for performing media resource services;  
3 a central pool storing resource points representing a license or authorization level  
4 of media resource capability, said central pool for storing default and/or additional li-  
5 censed resource points represented by said converged services platform; and  
6 a processor for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more  
7 media resource cards.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said  
2 processor allocates portions of said central pool to a particular media resource card for a  
3 specific media resource service.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said  
2 processor provides redundancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable  
3 by allocating additional portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein  
2 each media resource service has a specified number of resource points, which are re-  
3 quired to perform said service.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 13, wherein a  
2 number of resource points needed to perform an application is determined by multiplying  
3 a number of required media resource services by their corresponding number of required  
4 resource points.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 14, wherein said  
2 additional licensed resource points are licensed to a customer in the event that said re-  
3 source points needed to perform an application are greater than said default resource  
4 points available.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said  
2 media resource service is selected from the group consisting of tone generation, tone de-  
3 tection, and recording/playback of voice recorded announcements.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 10, further com-  
2 prising: cache memories programmed to cache voice recorded announcements and/or  
3 other announcements for playback.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 17, further com-  
2 prising: an associated file server coupled with a network interface and said processor,  
3 said file server storing said voice recorded announcements and other announcements.

1 19. (Previously Presented) A converged services platform, comprising:  
2 means for creating a central pool storing resource points representing a license or  
3 authorization level of media resource service capability; and  
4 means for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more me-  
5 dia resource cards.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The converged services platform as in claim 19, further com-  
2 prising: means for storing in said central pool default and/or additional licensed resource  
3 points represented by a converged services platform.

Please insert the following new claims, 21 *et seq.*:

- 1    21. (New) A method for managing available resources of a telecommunications system  
2    having one or more media resource cards, the method comprising:  
3            storing available resource points representing media resource service capability of  
4    the telecommunications system; and  
5            dynamically allocating available resource points to the media resource cards in  
6    order to perform media resource services.
- 1    22. (New) The method as in claim 21, further comprising:  
2            preventing a media resource card from performing a media resource service in the  
3    event there are no remaining available resource points.
- 1    23. (New) The method as in claim 21, further comprising:  
2            storing additional resource points based on a customer need to utilize more media  
3    resources than allowed by the available resource points.
- 1    24. (New) The method as in claim 21, further comprising:  
2            storing a default number of available resource points based on available resources  
3    of the one or more media resource cards.
- 1    25. (New) The method as in claim 24, further comprising:  
2            in response to removal of one of the media resource cards, removing a corre-  
3    sponding number of default available resource points.

1 26. (New) The method as in claim 21, further comprising:  
2 assigning a number of resource points required to perform certain media resource  
3 services.

1 27. (New) The method as in claim 26, further comprising:  
2 allocating a corresponding number of resource points to the media resource cards  
3 in order to perform a certain media resource service.

1 28. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the media resource service capability is  
2 based on a license or authorization level of a customer.